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Chairman Shays to Hold July 18 Hearing on the Cost of the Global War on Terrorism

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, will convene an oversight hearing to examine the accuracy and reliability of cost projections for the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT).

Determining the total amount of funding for the GWOT is challenging because of the various ways in which funds are appropriated. Congress has enacted a series of supplemental appropriation acts, beginning in September 2001, to fund the GWT. These supplemental appropriation acts have included funding authority for operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, homeland security, and other global counterterrorism military and intelligence operations.

The Honorable David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office, as well as Mr. John P. Roth, Deputy Comptroller from the Department of Defense and Mr. Bradford Higgins, Assistant Secretary and Chief Financial Officer from the Department of State will discuss how effective are Defense and State processes for producing reliable, accurate, and timely cost estimates for the Global War on Terrorism.

The hearing, **“Global War on Terrorism (GWOT): Accuracy and Reliability of Cost Estimates”** is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18 at 2:00 pm in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC.

Witness List

The Honorable David M. Walker

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